

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A vehicle body, comprising a first compartment, a second compartment rearwardly adjacent the first compartment, and a rear wallgate of the first compartment optionally separating the first and second compartments from one another, the rear wallgate being attached at a lower edge thereof for pivoting movement from a vertical position, whereat the rear wallgate at least partially separates the first compartment from the second compartment, to a horizontal position, whereat the rear wall gate extends into the second compartment, the rear wall gate further defining an interior surface thereof facing into the first compartment when the rear wallgate is in the vertical position and facing generally upward when the rear wallgate is in the horizontal position, the rear wallgate further including a passenger seating cushion attached to the interior wall of the rear wallgate, whereby a passenger may be seated on the cushion when the rear wall gate is in the horizontal position.
2. The vehicle body of claim 1, wherein the first compartment further includes a rear window.
3. The vehicle body of claim 2 wherein the rear window is retractable into the rear wallgate.
4. The vehicle body of claim 2 wherein the rear window is removable.
5. The vehicle body of claim 4 wherein the rear window is stowable within the rear wallgate.
6. The vehicle body of claim 1 wherein the second compartment includes a cargo bed, and the rear wallgate latches to the bed when the rear wallgate is in the horizontal position.
7. The vehicle body of claim 1 wherein the second compartment includes a cargo bed having a bed floor including a floor panel that is movable for receiving the rear wallgate when the rear wallgate is in the horizontal position.

8. The vehicle body of claim 7 wherein the movable floor panel is hinged to pivot from a horizontal position to a vertical position located rearwardly from the rear wallgate when the rear wallgate is in the horizontal position.

9. The vehicle body of claim 8 wherein the movable floor panel includes a forward bi-fold panel hinged to a rear bi-fold panel, with the rear bi-fold panel hinged to the bed floor.

10. The vehicle body of claim 1 further including a folding seat back operatively attached to the rear wallgate for movement from a folded position, whereat the seat back extends in a direction generally parallel to the interior surface of the rear wall gate, to an un-folded position, whereat the seat back extends in a direction generally perpendicular to the interior surface of the rear wallgate, for supporting the back of a passenger seated on the cushion when the rear wallgate is in the horizontal position.

11. The vehicle body of claim 10 wherein the seat back is operatively attached in such a manner that the seat back is pivoted from the folded to the un-folded position as the rear wallgate is pivoted from the vertical to the horizontal position.

12. The vehicle body of claim 10 wherein the seat back is operatively attached in such a manner that the seat back is pivoted from the un-folded to the folded position as the rear wallgate is pivoted from the horizontal to the vertical position.

13. The vehicle body of claim 10 wherein the first compartment further includes a front seat, and the seat cushion and seat back attached to the rear wallgate are stowed between the front seat and the interior surface of the rear wallgate, with the seatback in the folded position, when the rear wallgate is in the vertical position.

14. The vehicle body of claim 10 wherein the seat back is oriented in the un-folded position so that a passenger seated on the seat cushion is facing forward toward the first compartment.

15. A secondary seating apparatus for optionally providing expanded passenger seating in a second compartment of a vehicle body including a first compartment and the second compartment rearwardly adjacent the first compartment, the secondary seating apparatus comprising:

a rear wallgate of the first compartment optionally separating the first and second compartments from one another;

the rear wallgate being attached at a lower edge thereof for pivoting movement from a vertical position, whereat the rear wallgate at least partially separates the first compartment from the second compartment, to a horizontal position, whereat the rear wall gate extends into the second compartment;

the rear wallgate further defining an interior surface thereof facing into the first compartment when the rear wallgate is in the vertical position and facing generally upward when the rear wallgate is in the horizontal position; and

a passenger seating cushion attached to the interior wall of the rear wallgate, whereby a passenger may be seated on the cushion when the rear wall gate is in the horizontal position.

16. The secondary seating apparatus of claim 15 wherein the second compartment includes a cargo bed, and the rear wallgate latches to the bed when the rear wallgate is in the horizontal position.

17. The secondary seating apparatus of claim 15 wherein the second compartment includes a cargo bed having a bed floor including a floor panel that is movable for receiving the rear wallgate when the rear wallgate is in the horizontal position.

18. The secondary seating apparatus of claim 15 further including a folding seat back operatively attached to the rear wallgate for movement from a folded position, whereat the seat back extends in a direction generally parallel to the interior surface of the rear wall gate, to an un-folded position, whereat the seat back extends in a direction generally perpendicular to the interior surface of the rear wallgate, for supporting the back of a passenger seated on the cushion when the rear wallgate is in the horizontal position.

19. The vehicle body of claim 18 wherein the first compartment further includes a front seat, and the seat cushion and seat back attached to the rear wallgate are stowed between the front seat and the interior surface of the rear wallgate, with the seatback in the folded position, when the rear wallgate is in the vertical position.

20. A method for optionally providing expanded passenger seating in a second compartment of a vehicle body including a first compartment and the second compartment rearwardly adjacent the first compartment, the method comprising:

- providing a rear wallgate of the first compartment for optionally separating the first and second compartments from one another, and having an interior surface thereof facing into the first compartment;

- attaching the rear wallgate at a lower edge thereof for pivoting movement from a vertical position, whereat the rear wallgate at least partially separates the first compartment from the second compartment with the interior surface of the wallgate facing into the first compartment, to a horizontal position, whereat the rear wall gate extends into the second compartment with the interior surface of the rear wallgate facing generally upward; and

- attaching a passenger seating cushion to the interior wall of the rear wallgate, whereby a passenger may be seated on the cushion when the rear wall gate is in the horizontal position.